

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph in the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment starting at page 2, line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

Located on a first end of the handle is an absorbent fabric swab tip 16. In a preferred embodiment the swab tip 16 is made by wrapping a thin strip of ~~Daeron~~ DACRON onto the end of the handle. The ~~Daeron~~ DACRON material is kept under tension as it is wrapped onto the handle. After the ~~Daeron~~ DACRON material is would wound onto the handle it is clamped into a heated mold to shape it and bind it together in a teardrop shape. With one exception the swab tip is fabricated the same way as normal swab tips are, and other known methods of making swab tips will work as well. The difference between the swab tip of the subject invention and the prior art swab tips is that no glue or other binder is used and the swab tip is maintained on the handle entirely by friction created from winding the ~~Daeron~~ DACRON material onto the handle while it is under tension and by whatever adhesive effect is achieved due to the application of heat and pressure. Thus, the swab tip can be easily removed from the handle but will remain firmly in place on the handle during normal use.